

Belfast City Council Notice of Motion Database

Ref	Type	Meeting Date	Motion Title	Proposed by	Reporting Committee	Reporting Officer	Lead Department	Status	Status Update
7	Notice of Motion	09/04/2018	Childcare Strategy	Cllr Mal O'Hara	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Recommend Close	The NI Executive are moving forward with the Childcare Strategy with the recent announcement by the Dept of Education (on 16 May 2025) that £55million would be invested in early learning and childcare in 2025-26. DoE Minister also announced that the Northern Ireland Childcare Subsidy Scheme will now be extended to include school age children from 1 September 2025.
23	Notice of Motion	01/07/2019	Removal of Banners and Paramilitary Flags in Belfast	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	In this context and given the limited role or responsibility of Council around childcare provision, it is proposed that this Motion is recommended for closure.
25	Issue Raised in Advance	23/08/2019	Abortion Imagery	Cllr Aine Groogan	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Since the decision by SP &R in 2019, the PICT report commissioned by the Executive was published which covers similar issues. Extensive consultation was undertaken between 2016 - 19 on this and the contents of this report have the agreement of the 5 main political parties represented on the Commission Report to be brought to CMT and potentially Party Group
35	Notice of Motion	02/12/2019	Pridestrian Animation	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	Keith Forster	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Officers are engaging with the Department for Communities regarding the revised draft byelaws that relate specifically to arrangements for special events, such as the Fleadh. A further report will be brought to SP&R in February outlining options for the remaining revised byelaws, including proposals for separate byelaws to address the display of graphic imagery.
49	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	Market Gardens and Urban Farming	Cllr Seamas de Faioite	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Following the September meeting of SP&R Committee, officers contacted DfI Western Division in relation to the existing pride flag crossing at the Foyle Bridge in Derry-Londonderry. The Climate Team have established a Belfast Sustainable Food Partnership, which is currently developing a sustainable food strategy for the city and will consider the potential for market gardens and urban farming in the city as part of this. Also links with Right to Grow motion. The UPSURGE and UP2030 projects are also looking at the use of green space and nature based solutions, and will include community and urban food growing opportunities. Engagement to develop Sustainable Food Strategy completed with Area Working Groups in February/March 2025 - draft strategy under review.
50	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	Belfast Zoo	Cllr Conor Maskey	SP&R	Keith Forster	Place & Economy	Ongoing	At the June 2025 meeting of the CG&R Committee, members requested a specific governance structure be established to look at a range of issues within Belfast Zoo. An initial meeting of the Zoo Long-Term Financial Sustainability Group was held on Wednesday 10th December 2025, the minutes of which were reported to the January 2026 meeting of the CG&R Committee. This motion will be addressed by this group.
51	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	Growth Deal	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Sharon McNicholl	Corporate Services	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available
131	Notice of Motion	02/11/2020	Sealing of the Records of Mother and Baby Homes	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Response from Irish Gov still outstanding - 06/09/21
176	Notice of Motion	04/05/2021	Mater Hospital Services	Cllr Fiona Ferguson	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	This motion related to provision of services during the pandemic - this was resolved with services returning to normal from November 2022. 12.03.23 This motion recommendation for closure was rejected at Feb 2023 SP&R and therefore remains on-going
187	Notice of Motion	01/06/2021	Local Government Pension Scheme - Responsible Investment Strategy	Cllr Ryan Murphy	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letter sent 2/7/21. Meeting with NILGOSC requested by S P and R 20/8/21 - to be arranged
199	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	Four-Day Working Week	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	Christine Sheridan	Human Resources	Ongoing	There is a scheduled workshop on the NOM for management and Trade Unions on 26 March 2026.
203	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	Electric Charging Points	Ald George Dorrian	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Responses from Ministers being considered by officers
209	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	Environmentally Sustainable Event Spaces	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	A report is required to SP&R Committee to outline the next steps. Progressing.
228	Notice of Motion	10/01/2022	Playing Pitches in Belfast	Cllr David Brooks	SP&R	David Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	It is anticipated that a draft Pitches Strategy report will be presented to P&C Committee in Spring 2026.
235	Notice of Motion	22/02/2022	Energy Price Crises	Cllr Brian Smyth	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Belfast Local Area Energy Plan provides an evidence base which will help to inform investment in community energy schemes. The Plan specifically includes an action to support community energy organisations to develop rooftop solar PV installations and engage in area based retrofit projects. In parallel discussions are ongoing with projects such as Edenderry District Energy initiative, to explore opportunities to support community ambitions. A new permanent post has been created within the team specifically to support delivery of the LAEP effective Jan 2025 and a new Net Zero Officer is under recruitment. This will provide additional capacity to support energy projects. The development of a neighbourhood retrofit pathfinder project is being progressed through the Retrofit Hub and discussions are ongoing with DFC and DFE regarding support for this project. We are also engaging with the Advice NI supported community planning project in Mount Vernon and exploring how Council might support delivery of emerging community energy projects in this area. A solar PV and battery system is being installed on Donegall Pass Community Centre and a solar PV web portal is being developed to provide information on the rooftop solar potential in the UP2030 project area.
243	Notice of Motion	14/03/2022	Cost of Living	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The 2024-2025 Hardship Programme has been delivered. SP&R Committee to allocate in-year underspend of £75k as a top-up to Family Support Hubs across the city. Refresh Cost-of-Living Support Guide disseminated across the city signposting those in need to sources of support and advice. Second session with the citywide 'Anti-Poverty Network' is scheduled for January 2026. This forum brings together those agencies and organisations who provide much needed support to those impacted by poverty within the city, to share information, discuss opportunities to collaborate and importantly help strengthen working relationships.
264	Issue Raised in Advance	19/08/2022	Electric Vehicle Charging Points Strategy	Cllr Michael Long	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	An internal task and finish working group continue to coordinate work on the implementation of phase 1 and phase 2 of the Low Emission Vehicle Strategy which will allow Council to bring forward locations for low emissions infrastructure investment. Site assessment and market testing has been completed. A tender is being prepared based on a concession
284	Issue Raised in Advance	18/11/2022	Use of the Ceremony Room, City Hall	Cllr Michelle Kelly	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	A report on the potential reinstatement of the Ceremony Room to be submitted to a future Committee meeting.
297	Notice of Motion	05/01/2023	Comber Greenway	Cllr Anthony Flynn	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Project has significant resource and financial implications. Officers are starting the process of reengaging with DfI on the Comber Greenway.
298	Notice of Motion	05/01/2023	School Street Schemes	Cllr Seamas de Faioite	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letters issued to DfI on 17 Apr 2023 in relation to Rosetta Way "quietway" and also to DAERA on 12 Feb 2024 re School Streets Air Quality but no letter specifically on School Streets
305	Notice of Motion	24/01/2023	Support for striking Health Workers	Cllr Matt Collins	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Schemes appears to have been issued to DfI
308	Notice of Motion	21/02/2023	Overdose Prevention Facility in Belfast	Cllr Mal O'Hara	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Adopted at Standards and Business Committee. Progress to be reported to SP&R
319	Notice of Motion	27/06/2023	CPR Training and Circuit	Cllr Christina Black	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	At SP&R on 24th November 2023 the Committee agreed that, at the request of Councillor Smyth, that a report be submitted at its next monthly meeting with specific reference made to meetings held, legal advice sought and partners engaged with - see no. 346 for reference. A report was brought back to SP&R in January 2024. The Committee noted the contents of the report and that engagement would continue to take place with all the relevant agencies and stakeholders to advocate for such a facility in Belfast.
326	Issue Raised in Advance	18/08/2023	Data Protection	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	The Committee agreed to adopt the motion, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting outlining how it could be facilitated.
330	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	Clean Indoor Air Motion	Cllr Jenna Maghie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Agreed at SP&R that a report will be brought back to Committee
331	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Trevor Wallace	Finance & Resources	Ongoing	The Committee agreed to adopt the motion, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting outlining how it could be managed, resourced, and facilitated.
337	Notice of Motion	26/09/2023	Right to Food Campaign	Cllr Paul Doherty	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Update August 24: At the request of Councillor Collins, the Council agreed that the Motion on Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness which had been recommended for closure, remained open and be brought back to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for further discussion. A paper was brought to SP&R on 19th April where committee further discussed and agreed that the request be dealt with via the discretionary payments process. The Discretionary payment processed opened at the end of June and closed on 2nd August. Again, West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness did not apply for funding. Update Jan 25 - at Dec Cttee meeting it was decided that this would remain open
347	Notice of Motion	28/11/2023	Cost of School Uniforms and P.E. Kits	Cllr Sarah Bunting	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Response presented to S P and R 24/11/23 - Referred to Social Policy Working Group
356	Notice of Motion	04/01/2024	Memorial Wall - Covid-19	Cllr Emmett McDonough-Brown	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	
358	Notice of Motion	04/01/2024	Ulster Bank Closures	Cllr Geraldine McAteer	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Discussed at the City Hall/ City Hall Grounds Installations Working Group on 18 November 2025.
									Required letters were sent on 19th January 2024

360	Notice of	23/01/2024	Transparency by Default at Belfast City Council	Cllr Gary McKeown	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Motion referred to SP&R
361	Notice of Motion	23/01/2024	Rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy	Cllr Bronach Anglin	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Motion referred to SP&R. The draft Ethical Procurement Policy is currently under consideration by the Social Value Policy working group which is due to meet on 17th June 2025.
385	Notice of Motion	30/04/2024	Plant Based Councils Initiative	Cllr Anthony Flynn	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Internal engagement with Procurement around how to take this forward ongoing. Report to SP&R in due course. To be considered as part of a Council Sustainable Food Policy which is under development.
395	Issue Raised in Advance	24/05/2024	Transfer of Powers - Licensing of Bus Tour Operators in the City	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Discussions ongoing with DFI in relation to bus tour operators generally.
396	Issue Raised in Advance	24/05/2024	Connection of Water Supply to Social Homes	Cllr Michael Donnelly	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
402	Issue Raised in Advance	20/09/2024	Sunday Trading - Pilot Scheme	Cllr Sam Nelson	SP&R	Kate Bentley	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Following Council's decision in July 2025, a public consultation will be launched in February to progress the Holiday Resort designation citywide, enabling extended Sunday trading hours.
407	Notice of Motion	24/10/2024	Blood and Bone Marrow Donations	Cllr Christine Bower	SP&R	Christine Sheridan	Human Resources	Recommend Close	Recommended for closure (category 1) Corporate HR have worked with our Internal Communications Team to raise awareness on blood and bone marrow donations across the organisation, including an article on Interlink on organ and stem cell donations, details on how to register to become an organ or stem cell donor and how the process works. After a very successful blood donation session in City Hall last year, another session is planned before the summer.
409	Notice of Motion	24/10/2024	NILGOSC - Disposal of Government Bonds	Cllr Carl Whyte	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	
411	Issue Raised in Advance	25/10/2024	Fundraising box at the City Hall Christmas Tree	Cllr Gary McKeown	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
417	Notice of Motion	21/11/2024	Addressing Educational Inequalities in Belfast	Cllr David Bell	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Engagement continues with Departmental Officials and designated RAISE locality coordinators in the context of the Belfast Agenda and Community Planning partnership structures.
432	Notice of Motion	20/02/2025	Action to Address Empty Homes	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Kate Bentley	Place & Economy	Ongoing	This motion is being progressed by the Planning and Building Control and City Regeneration and Development directorates, and a report will be brought to a future meeting.
433	Notice of Motion	20/02/2025	Developing a Sponsorship and Philanthropy Network in Belfast	Cllr Michael Long	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Work continues on the development of a draft Corporate Social Responsibility Framework which will reflect the intention behind the NOM (developing a sponsorship and philanthropy network in Belfast). Engagement planned for early 2026 with Social Policy Working Group. Party Groups leaders and Members to help inform the emerging thinking
439	Issue Raised in Advance	21/03/2025	LORAG - Youth Club Development - Council Land	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Assignment of the Lease from The Trustees of St John Vianney to LORAG has been completed on 25th November 2025 however Ministerial consent is pending. Application on process for less than best rent value being applied.
440	Issue Raised in Advance	21/03/2025	Bi-weekly meeting of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee: Efficiency/Consultancy Paper	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Workshop taking place 13/06/25.
446	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	Pathways to Work Green Paper	Cllr Paul Doherty	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Democratic Services sent letter to OFMDFM & Minister for Communities on 15/05/25. Awaiting response.
447	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	US War Planes out of Belfast	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Democratic Services sent letter to OFMDFM, Westminster Government and Aldergrove Airport re NOM - Awaiting response.
448	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	National Famine Commemoration Day	Cllr Conor McKay	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Democratic Services sent letter to Irish Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media on 15/05/25. Awaiting response.
455	Issue Raised in Advance	23/05/2025	The installation of dual-language signage in Olympia, including GLL/BETTER information	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Progressing.
456	Issue Raised in Advance	23/05/2025	The installation of dual-language signage on the Forth-Meadow Greenway	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Signage package out to tender at present. Tender returned expected mid December 2025 with a view to appointing a contractor.
457	Issue Raised in Advance	23/05/2025	An update on the next stage in the development	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	
474	Notice of Motion	23/10/2025	Together - Building a United Community Strategy	Cllr Sam Nelson	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Ongoing.
478	Notice of Motion	23/10/2025	Parents' Attendance Records at Council	Cllr Jenna Maghie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	
479	Issue Raised in Advance	24/10/2025	Levels of criminality and violence in the City Centre	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	David Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Recommend Close	Recommend to Close (Category 1) As requested a multi agency meeting was held on the 8th Dec 25.